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In Re Application of:

HOUGHTON et al.

Confirmation No.: 3252

Serial No.: 09/728,423

Art Unit: 1648

Filing Date: December 1, 2000

Examiner: M. Hill

Title: ELICITING HCV-SPECIFIC ANTIBODIES

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 15, 2004, with a shortened statutory period of three months for response. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.



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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is an amendment in the above patent application in response to the Office Action of January 15, 2004.

     Applicants request an extension of time for      month from                      to                     . Enclosed is a check to cover the \$      fee.

  X   No additional fee is required.

  X   Also enclosed: Return Postcard.

No. of Claims After Amendment			Most Claims Previously Paid		Extra Claims			Additional Fee	
A. Total Claims	72	-	72	=	0	x	\$18	=	\$0
B. Ind. Claims	1	-	1	=	0	x	\$84	=	\$0
C. If amended to contain multiple dependent claims, add 280							\$280	=	\$0
D. Total Amendment Fee (Total of A, B & C)								=	\$0
E. If small entity, 50% reduction of Total Amendment Fee (50% of D)								=	\$0
F. Total Amendment Fee (D minus E)								=	\$0

\_\_\_ Charge \$ to Deposit Account No. 18-1648.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-1648.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 3/19/04

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